
Commerce & Labor Committee

ESSB 5110

Brief Description: Allowing wedding boutiques and art galleries to serve wine or beer to their customers who are twenty-one years of age or older.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, McCaslin, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, McDermott and Holmquist).

Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill

- Allows wedding boutiques and art galleries to offer one complimentary glass of beer or wine to customers who are 21 years of age or older.

Hearing Date: 3/20/09

Staff: Kate Moeur White (786-5793) and Joan Elgee (786-7106)

Background:

The Liquor Control Board issues several different types of licenses and permits that allow an entity to serve and/or sell alcoholic beverages. There are specific exemptions that allow certain entities to offer and/or serve alcoholic beverages for no charge without a license and/or permit, including, for example, hospitals and nursing homes.

Summary of Bill:

Wedding boutiques and art galleries may offer one glass of wine or beer without charge to customers who are 21 years of age or older for on-premise consumption. The wine or beer served at wedding boutiques or art galleries must be purchased from a Washington licensed retailer, liquor store, or agency at full retail price.

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Wedding boutiques and art galleries may not sell beer or wine or advertise the complimentary service of beer or wine. A wedding boutique or art gallery employee involved in serving beer or wine must complete a Liquor Control Board-approved limited alcohol server training program.

Rules Authority: The bill does not address the rule-making powers of an agency.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.